Shortage of doctors and **staff in PHCs and CHCs in** Andhra **Pradesh**

1866. SHRI NANDI YELLAiAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) running in various districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of PHCs and CHCs in the State facing shortage of doctors/ nurses/attendants and having inadequate essential treatment facilities; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to remove shortage of staff/medical facilities in PHCs and CHCs in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) The Total number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the State of Andhra Pradesh functioning as on September, 2005 are 1570. The number of Community Health Centres (CHCs) functioning are 164 as on September, 2005.

(b) and (c) In the PHCs, there are 2137 doctors in position as against the sanctioned posts of 2497 doctors as on September, 2005.

In the CHCs, shortfall in the number of Specialists is 432 as against the requirement of 656. sanctioned post of 406 with 224 specialists in position.

The position of Nurse Mid-wife at PHCs and CHCs is 2053 as against the requirement of 2718 and sanctioned posts of 2309.

Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), PHCs are being strengthened by provision of an additional Medical Officer (one male and one female) and an AYUSH practitioner for out patient services. The States have been requested to appoint specialist on contractual basis to strengthen CHCs. 18 weeks training to MBBS doctors in anesthesia is also being undertaken to overcome the shortages of anesthetists in CHCs and for upgrading them to Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS).

Health care in Andhra Pradesh

1867. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and the details of various Centrally sponsored schemes